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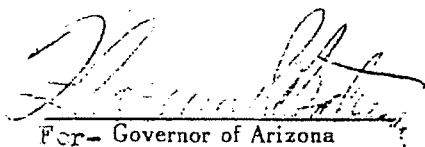
Respectfully referred to: General Frank E. Fraser

Subject: FORT HUachuCA - State execution of Quit Claim Deed

Enclosed is letter of October 6 from S. C. Farrington, Chief, Phoenix Real Estate Field Office, Corps of U. S. Army Engineers, about which I spoke to you on the telephone yesterday.

Your comments for reply to this letter will be most helpful and appreciated.

Thank you.

  
For - Governor of Arizona

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REFER TO FILE NO.

SPLRS 601.1 (Fort Huachuca,  
Arizona)

October 6, 1953

Honorable Howard L. Pyle  
Governor of State of Arizona  
State Capitol  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Governor Pyle:

On October 2, 1952, we wrote you asking whether or not you could make a commitment to be included in a planning report to the effect that you would execute a quit claim deed if so requested by the Department of Defense to the United States in form substantially as follows:

The State of Arizona hereby quit claims to the United States all its interest in the real and personal property comprising Fort Huachuca, which property was conveyed to the State of Arizona by deeds and bill of sale executed by the office of Real Property Disposal, War Assets Administration, under Public Law 537 and 829, by deeds dated January 14, 1949, March 26, 1948, March 2, 1949 and April 18, 1950, and by a bill of sale dated March 2, 1949, and by deed executed by the Department of the Army conveying the Post Cemetery dated March 26, 1948.

Your reply of October 22, 1952 was as follows:

"Under the provisions of Chapter 44, House Bill 170, Arizona Session Laws 1952, the State of Arizona, for a nominal consideration, will execute quit claim deed to Fort Huachuca, including Cemetery and an Artillery Range, to the United States of America, for commitment purposes, providing the United States of America, desires the retaining of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, as an active installation."

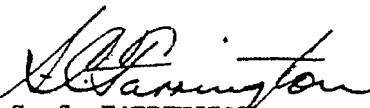
During the interim while a study has been progressing on the situation at Fort Huachuca, Fort Huachuca has been declared inactive because of the current world situation rather than being declared surplus.

Letter to Honorable Howard L. Pyle  
Governor of State of Arizona  
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Various approvals have been secured to the United States taking this land assuming the State of Arizona is willing to donate the same and the correspondence has been returned to our San Francisco office for forwarding to our Office of Chief of Engineers in Washington. Prior to doing this, they have requested that this office ascertain the current attitude of the State of Arizona toward conveying the subject property to the United States in view of the present inactive status of Fort Huachuca. In this connection, the Sixth Army states:

"Although Fort Huachuca is presently in an inactive status, it is included in the Department of the Army Installation Program with a long range mission."

In order to answer the inquiry directed to this office, it would be appreciated if you would advise us as to whether or not you would be willing to make the same commitment for further action by the United States, if desired, to the effect that you would execute a quit claim deed to the land above mentioned under the present condition that the fort is in an inactive status and its future use not presently foreseeable.

  
S. C. FARRINGTON  
Chief, Phoenix Real Estate  
Field Office